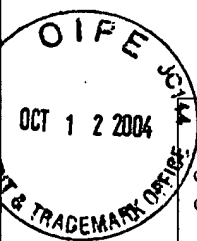


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121 AND 37 C.F.R. 1.143**

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Dear Sir:

This response and amendment are submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, the unextended period for response to which is September 12, 2004. Enclosed with the present document is applicants' request for a one-month extension of time.

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: